



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas David Starkey  
Serial No: 10/619,985  
Filed: June 15, 2003  
For: A Device And Method To Limit Filling Of The Heart  
Group Art Unit: 3738  
Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow  
Attorney's Docket No: N9464-ICW  
Customer No: 23456

**AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 1.116**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant is filing this Amendment After Final Rejection and Decision of the Board of Appeals in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

- I. The status of the claims is set forth in Section 1 beginning on Page 2 of this response;
- II. The Amendment cancelling claims to place the application in condition for allowance is set forth in Section 2 beginning on Page 3 of this Paper;
- III. The current status of the claims after the proffered amendment Page 4; and
- IV. The Remarks are set forth beginning on Page 6.